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CONSUMER GOODS IN YUGOSLAVIA

CHEMICAL CONSUMER ITEMS PRODUCED IN BELGRADE -- Politika, No 13066, 28 Oct 48

The "Balkan" enterprise for chemical and food products, founded in Belgrade in 1947, has divided into separate and independent enterprises for chemicals, alcoholic beverages, and food products. The chemical department produced seven products in 1947 and 16 in 1948; production was 360 percent greater in 1948 than the preceding year.

The plan for 1948 provides for 28 kinds of chemical products, including shoe polish, floor polish, candles, axle grease, aniline dyes, soap powder, bluing, graphite, insecticides, etc.

Some of these articles, such as shoe polish, candles, and aniline dyes, are also produced outside Belgrade.

NEW TIRES FROM OLD -- Borba, No 266, 2 Nov 48

It is impossible to buy new tires, and many tractor tires are badly worn. However, three workers from the vulcanizing section of the Farm-Machinery Station in Mis, which has been proclaimed the best in Yugoslavia, have invented a process by which old tractor tires can be made into new. They pour reclaimed rubber into molds which they themselves have made. The first such tire was made three months ago. Since then it has gone over 3,000 kilometers, and appears to be wearing as though it were a new tire. Over 20 tires have been made in this way, and production on a large scale was begun a few days ago. Next season all the tractors of this station will have new tires made by this method.

An average saving of about 8,000 dinars is ensured by this process. Ordinary automobile tires can be made in this way at a saving of over 2,500 dinars apiece [sic].

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## LEATHER INDUSTRY IN CROATIA -- Narodni List, No 1053, 28 Oct 48

The most successful leather enterprises in Croatia are the "Simecki" Shoe Factory and the "Almeria Leather Factory." The shoe factory had completed its production plan 110 percent by the end of September, although its plan calls for 29 percent more production than last year, and despite a critical labor shortage. The leather factory met its plan for the first 9 months 99 percent, and for the ninth month 115 percent, although the 1948 plan is larger than that of 1947, and in spite of many problems at the beginning of the year.

## GLASS PRODUCTION IN CROATIA -- Borba, No 257, 23 Oct 48

The glass factory in Straza has exceeded its September plan by 35.5 percent in production and 41.1 percent in finance. The main factor in this success was the repair of a furnace 9 days ahead of schedule.

## ASBESTOS PLANT IN SERBIA -- Glas, No 1041, 29 Oct 48

The new "Jugozbest" factory for asbestos products, which began operations recently, is one of the best chemical factories in Serbia, as well as the first newly constructed one. Plenty of asbestos, of a quality not inferior to the Canadian, is available among the mineral resources of Yugoslavia. The factory now produces 180 different asbestos products, including asbestos insulation and parts for automobile, tractor, and airplane engines, in quantities to satisfy the needs not only of Yugoslavia but of the Balkans.

## MANUFACTURE OF CLOTHING IN SERBIA -- Borba, No 262, 23 Oct 48

The "Vojna Odeca" ("Military Uniforms") Enterprise in Belgrade exceeded its half-year plan by 7.8 percent, its July plan by 19.1 percent, its August plan by 9 percent, and its September plan by about 22 percent. Production has increased 24 percent over 1947, and quality 8 percent.

However, the workers' collective of the plant has pledged that it will improve upon its last pledge, to fulfill its 1948 plan by 29 November, by several days.

## FOOD-PROCESSING PLANT IN SERBIA -- Politika, No 13062, 23 Oct 48

A factory for processing and preserving fruit was begun recently in Novi Pazar. So far only semiprocessed fruit, such as fruit pulp, which is shipped to other factories for further processing, has been prepared there.

Plans for the factory include the canning of meat and other animal products.

## DALMATIAN FACTORY ELECTRIFIED -- Rad, No 186, 3 Nov 48

For 40 years the "Tivat" Enterprise for the alay industry in Tivat has operated on power from a 140-horsepower suction gas engine. When a shortage of beech coal, which had been used as fuel for the engine, suddenly became apparent last year, an 11-horsepower electric motor was purchased. With its installation, the capacity of the machines and of the factory has increased 30 percent.

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## ASPHALT INDUSTRY EXCEEDS PLAN -- Glas, No 1041, 29 Oct 48

The workers of the "Glas" Enterprise for asphalt products [location not given] have pledged that they will complete their 1948 production plan by 29 November. However, the plan was realized 93.3 percent by 18 October, so the remaining 6.7 percent should be finished before the date pledged.

The factory produces roofing paper, bitulite, asphalt, and other asphalt products. Bitulite is used chiefly for paving hangars.

## CEMENT INDUSTRY MEETS PLAN -- Slobodna Dalmacija, No 1170, 30 Oct 48

The "10 August" Cement Enterprise [probably in Dalmatia] fulfilled its half-year production plan 118 percent. Its collective was proclaimed the best in the Yugoslavia cement industry by the federal government.

## TOBACCO FACTORIES MEET PLANS -- Rad, No 186, 3 Nov 48

The tobacco factories in Ljubljana, Sarajevo, and Mostar met their 1948 plans 62 days ahead of schedule.

## SOAP INDUSTRY IN SERBIA -- Borba, No 264, 31 Oct 48

By 1 October the "Morina" Soap and Oil Factory [probably in or near Krusevac] had exceeded its plan for 1948 by 4 percent in quantity and 6 percent in value. It exceeded its plan for September by 51 percent. The productivity of the factory is 20 percent greater than last year.

## LIGHT INDUSTRIES MEET PLANS -- Borba, No 266, 2 Nov 48

The "Kolinska" Food-Processing Industry in Ljubljana has completed its 1948 production plan 62 days ahead of schedule.

The tobacco factory in Zagreb met its 1948 plan on 30 October, 63 days ahead of schedule.

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